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Neufeldt up for UWRF chancellor



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Dr. Ellen Neufeldt

By Vanessa Junkin
Staff Writer

Following the completion of an intensive search process, Dr. Ellen Neufeldt, Salisbury University's Vice President of Student Affairs, has been named a candidate for chancellor of the University of Wisconsin-River Falls (UWRF).

Don Betz, UWRF's previous chancellor, left on June 30 to take a job as president of Oklahoma's Northeastern State University.

The UWRF chancellor is the most powerful person on the campus and deals with various issues such as academics, faculty, money matters and university management. Neufeldt compared this job to a university president, and if chosen, she said she would have a "greater opportunity for leadership."

UWRF's Search and Screen Committee, which is composed of 19 people — a mixture of faculty members, students and community members — has been helping the

University of Wisconsin System President Kevin P. Reilly and the University of Wisconsin System Board of Regents in finding the university's next leader.

Neufeldt and four others were named as finalists on Nov. 18, and each has recently traveled to River Falls, Wis., to learn about the university and take part in public forums and private meetings both on- and off-campus. Later this month, each finalist will be interviewed by Reilly and the Board of Regents commit-

tee. The new chancellor will be chosen later this month and approved in January.

The opportunity was suggested to her, said Neufeldt, noting that she decided to apply because the job would be like a promotion and would give her the chance to advance on her career path.

More than 6,400 undergraduate and graduate students make up UWRF, which is located in western Wisconsin about 30 minutes from

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Photo provided by SGA

Back row L to R: President Pat Gotham, Vice President of External Affairs Bobby Audley, Vice President of Diversity Breanna Nunez. Front row L to R: Vice President of Public Relations Natalie Aguirre, Vice President of University Affairs Julia Glanz, Parliamentarian Jackie Kobin and Speaker of the Senate Phylcia Gregorio.

New SGA exec. board wants big change

By Stacie Manger
Staff Writer

The SGA recently held elections for the new executive board and with the results came the promise of changes.

"I'm pretty pleased with the election results," said SGA Executive Vice President Allison Hueber. "We had a bit of an issue with getting things together for the elections. But I think everyone who got elected will do their job."

The results are as follows: Pat Gotham is President, Vice President of University Affairs is Julia Glanz, Vice President of External Affairs is Bobby Audley, Vice President of Diversity is Breanna Nunez and Vice President of Public Relations is Natalie Aguirre. The Treasurer position

went to Joe Esposito, Parliamentarian to Jackie Kobin and Speaker of the Senate to Phylcia Gregorio. This year, like many others, most of the contestants for office ran unopposed, largely due to a lack of eligible students. Because of this, the prerequisites to run for the executive board could soon change.

"We have strict requirements," Hueber said. "But we're changing them. Hopefully they'll be voted in to our constitution at our next forum. We hope this will encourage more people to run."

Gotham agrees with the decision, noting there were no contested positions this year. The issue needs to be discussed with the senate and students who attend, he said.

"I sure do hope more people

will get involved," Gotham said. "You have to do a semester as a senator before the executive board and then the executive board for a full year before running for president or vice president. That deterred people. They think we are cliquy when really we want to attract a wider range of people."

The new executive board also hopes to enhance the SGA name. Audley hopes to help students realize how they affect the Salisbury community and how they can make it better. Glanz wants to create better ties with the community and to help the SGA grow.

"We plan on making Homecoming grow from this past year with more fun activities during the week and more free giveaways. We plan on upping our

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Sounds like a Fair Trade



Sarah Wright photo

Christina Minikon and Daniel Hirko share a laugh at the Fair Trade Sale hosted by the Sociology Club in Fulton Hall on Thursday. The sale offered a variety of Fair Trade goods from all around the world. Fair Trade is an alternative system of business that seeks to reverse the effects of exploitation, promote social and economic justice and preserve cultural traditions around the world by paying artisans, craftspeople and farmers a fair wage for their work. Money earned through Fair Trade supports poor communities by helping them fight malnutrition, build schools and medical clinics, provide disaster relief and provide the overall support necessary to help poor communities pull themselves out of extreme poverty. For more information go to www.fairtradefederation.org.

SU alumnus to run for mayorial position



Submitted photo

Mayoral candidate Jim Ireton

By Jonathan Moynihan
Staff Writer

Salisbury University could see its influence on the Eastern Shore increase even more if Jim Ireton is elected Mayor of Salisbury next March.

Ireton, an SU alumnus who graduated with an elementary education degree in 1992, was a resident of the Pocomoke and Severn Halls as well as a member of the tennis team. As an active participant of the community and the current leader of the Wicomico Neighborhood Congress, he

believes that the city must adapt to changing times and that he is an individual who can help the process.

"Salisbury needs a mayor that has the vision to lead as Salisbury grows in the greater metropolitan area," he said.

Ireton, a Democrat, announced his candidacy for Mayor in November and has been busy ever since. While he's not campaigning, the 38-year-old works as a Wicomico County school teacher, where he is a 16-year veteran. He said that his years spent as an educator have prepared him for public office.

"Being a teacher has given me a unique viewpoint into the problems that communities face," Ireton said. "Being a teacher has prepared me for work in the community as an educator about, and advocate for, issues that affect daily life."

Neighborhood and community activism is what drives Ireton, he said. The need for action over apathy has encouraged him to run for Mayor. In addition to Ireton's

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Pace Your Race benefits Dove Pointe



Photo provided by Pace Your Race

Participants sign up for Saturday's Pace Your Race, a 5K run/walk fundraiser to benefit Dove Pointe, a local non-profit center for special needs.

By Ali Schwartz
Staff Writer

This past Saturday, a group of Salisbury University students participated in "Pace Your Race," a 5K run/walk fundraiser on campus to benefit Dove Pointe, a local non-profit center for special needs.

Professor Paula Morris' Marketing Promotions and Advertising class was given an assignment to create a fundraiser that gives back to the community. Advertisements for the fundraiser included slideshows playing on the on-campus televisions, flyers, student e-mails and Facebook invitations.

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LOW 50	LOW 39	LOW 23	LOW 26	LOW 32	LOW 35	LOW 36

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Briefly Stated

For The Love of Art
SU Art Club holds its final art show of the semester Friday, Dec. 12, from 6-9 p.m. at the Chesapeake East gallery, which is located at 501 West Main Street in downtown Salisbury. Additional submissions of artwork will be accepted at the gallery on Thursday, Dec. 11, from 5-9 p.m. The suggested donation for submitting artwork is \$5 per person. For more information, contact Mich Haddock at mh68709@students.salisbury.edu.

SOAP Hosts Holiday Party
Need a break from studying? Want to spend a night out with your friends before the end of the semester? Come celebrate the Holiday Season with SOAP at our Holiday Party on Wednesday, Dec. 10, at 8 p.m. in the Wicomico Room. Come enjoy raffles and prizes, games, free food, and a screening of The Grinch Who Stole Christmas (the animated original version). As a Holiday gift from SOAP, an iPod Shuffle will go to the student wearing the wackiest Holiday sweater. Come into the Student Activities Office any day between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. to receive your free ticket. Spaces are limited so please get your ticket early.

Annual Poinsettia Sale
The Horticulture Department hosts its annual poinsettia sale 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 10, in the Physical Plant Greenhouse. Prices range from \$7-\$13, depending on size. All plants include pot covers and sleeves. Cash and checks are accepted. No early sales are permitted.

Salisbury Pops Concert
Lee Knier conducts the inaugural concert of the new Salisbury Pops on Tuesday, Dec. 9, at 7:30 p.m. in Holloway Hall Auditorium. Knier calls the concert a "holiday party" reminiscent of an Andy Williams or Perry Como Christmas special. Classic and contemporary holiday favorites include selections from The Nutcracker and a Broadway-style medley titled "Chanukah Celebration."

Biotechnology entrepreneur speaks at SU

By Michelle Hinkle
Staff Writer

Salisbury University welcomed Dr. Jack Chirikian of Georgetown University to speak last week about why and how to start a business in biotechnology. Chirikian's seminar was held in an overflowing lecture hall last Thursday afternoon. Students, faculty and community members were in attendance, eager to take notes on the advice provided by Chirikian. "Technology is the engine of economic growth in this country," he told audience members. Sixty minutes were spent explaining the pros and cons of starting a business pertaining to everything from biochemistry to biotechnology. Chirikian spoke passionately about his work. "There is nothing more wonderful than getting a new piece of data in the laboratory. You look through that little hole and see something no one else has seen and you ask yourself, 'will it change the world?'"

Chirikian is director of the biotechnology program at Georgetown as well as professor of



Sarah Lake photo
Dr. Jack Chirikian lectures on biotechnology and business last Thursday in Henson Science Hall. Chirikian is a professor at Georgetown University.

Author presents health education model



April Katsirubas photo
Beth Kirkpatrick
By Randon Ryland
Staff Writer

This past Thursday, nationally recognized teacher and author Beth Kirkpatrick delivered a health pres-

entation titled "A Day in the Life" in the Wicomico Room of the Guerrier University Center. Kirkpatrick, the education director for Polar USA, explained how the physical activity of children can have an impact on their lifestyle. In particular, she spoke about the advantages of the heart rate monitoring technology developed by Polar. Meghan Phillips, a graduate student majoring in physical education, worked at the Association of Rhode Island conference held on the Eastern Shore and based on that experience wanted to incorporate the education she received here at SU. "After working there and seeing the potential, it made me want to bring it back to Salisbury because of the open-mindedness of the physical education program," Phillips added.

that she thought the program could be beneficial because of the University's previous endeavors with HEALTHY U and also thought it could be used in the schools' PHEC 108 classes. "Of all places to introduce this to, I think Salisbury is one of the schools who could pioneer something as advanced as this," Phillips said. Kirkpatrick said math and science are the main educational goals for the program but stressed a needed emphasis for fitness activities like dancing. She added that there are miscalculations with modernizing cardio-technology, in regards to incorrect testing situations. "What you need to have is heart rate feedback so you can exercise correctly every time. The heart rate will never lie," Kirkpatrick said. She also said schools need to break away from "lock culture," in order to fix what

she sees as improper dressing situations for children. The improved model would encourage modesty and feature better bathrooms that allow children more privacy while changing for gym class. The program would also feature adjustment of exercise intensity based on heart rate feedback, and that information would be made available to parents via the child's report card. "The only time we know something is wrong is when a kid collapses," she said. "It's a lifestyle education model, not a sports skills model. We want to have all kids learning how to change their own life design," Kirkpatrick said. Kirkpatrick said she will have her own Web site functioning within the coming weeks: www.bethkirkpatrick.com. Interested students can also visit polarusa.com and PE4life.com.

Neufeldt

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Minneapolis/St. Paul, Minnesota. Neufeldt noted that the school is similar to SU in many ways, emphasizing the "engaged student learning" that both universities offer. Since August 2005, Neufeldt has served as the Vice President of Student Affairs at SU, a position in which she deals with various issues and projects that concern students' needs.

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Neufeldt said if she were chosen for the chancellor position, she would really miss the people who make up SU. As of now, she is still just a candidate and noted, "I'm very committed to Salisbury University." She also said, "I'm honored to be considered, but it doesn't make me love Salisbury any less."

SGA Elections

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advertising for events with new forms of PR," Glanz said. Safety of students is always a number one concern, Huchler said. She said SGA tries to add student representatives on all committees composed solely of faculty and staff, since the most effective way to voice the concerns of students is to have a student at the meetings

and on the committees. Gotham wants to reach out to students as best as he can by continuing "What do you want Wednesday?" and having more relevant speakers at forums. "We want to get the SGA name out there so students know who and what we are and what we can do for them," Gotham said.

Crime Beat

12/01/08
8:45-11:30 p.m.
Theft

A student reported that she inadvertently left her purse on an S.U. shuttle bus at University Park. Her purse was later recovered, but she found that some of her property which the purse had contained had been stolen.

12/02/08
4 a.m.
Armed Robbery

Two students reported that they were robbed at gunpoint at the rear of Severn Hall by three men. The three men were apprehended by police and criminally charged.

12/04/08
1:13 a.m.
CDS Offense

University Police officers responded to a report of marijuana use in Choptank Hall. Officers recovered a trace amount of suspected marijuana and identified three S.U. student suspects. The case is under investigation.

Police Bulletin: The Salisbury Police Department is seeking information about an assault that occurred on November 22, 2008, at approximately 12:50 a.m. in the vicinity of 321 Cedar Crossing ("The New Zoo").

Anyone with information about the altercation is asked to contact the Salisbury Police Department's Criminal Investigation Division at (410) 548-3113.

You may also report information to the Salisbury University Police Department at (410) 543-6222 or anonymously through the University Police Department's "Silent Witness" Web site: http://www.salisbury.edu/police/Silent_Witness.

Mayorial Candidate

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desire for growth in Salisbury, several other issues rank highly on his list such as the health of the Wicomico River and crime.

"What has made this so important to me is the fact that crime statistics are too high and now no one group is immune to their effects," he said. With e-mails being sent almost weekly about close-to-campus assault cases, safety is high on the minds of students and Salisbury residents. Recognizing the problem itself is not enough, Ireton said.

"The efforts of the past are not enough, and every stakeholder

must come to the table with solutions and ideas for what they can do, not what they can't do," Ireton said. He also hopes to change the political abuse of the students that has been evident in the past.

"Students cannot be used as a way to protect special interests."

Making connections between the students' safety as residents of the community is one of the founding interests of his campaign as he hopes to re-connect the citizens of Salisbury with the University.

"The issues that the neighbor-

hoods around the University face must be solved with students as a part of that solution," he said.

As Ireton continues his race to become Mayor, he wants to focus on establishing a fresh new relationship that unifies the community of the University and the citizens of the town.

"The concept of shared responsibility for our behavior, the conditions of our homes and rentals, and the idea that making Salisbury a safer and better place to live, rests on all of our shoulders," Ireton said.

SU acquires Dresser property Parking garage to be built

Salisbury, MD.— On Friday, the Salisbury University Foundation announced approval of its largest acquisition of land in the last quarter century: 19 acres at the corner of East College Avenue and South Division Street, known locally as the Dresser property.

"The University has been interested in the Dresser property for some time," said SU President Janet Dudley-Eshbach. "If you look at maps charting campus expansion over the past few years, Dresser is a logical next step. The land offers exciting possibilities for future campus development which, in the years ahead, will benefit our students and the community at large. This truly is a historic moment for the University."

With this addition, SU expands to 173 acres on both sides of Route 13. The public university, which has a student body of over 7,800 and more than 1,700 faculty and staff, has been designated a growth institution by the University System of Maryland.

"Based on SU's designation as a growth institution, this is precisely the type of support the SU Foundation can and should offer as we move forward together," said Dr. Rosemary Thomas, executive director of the SU Foundation.

The \$5.5 million acquisition was authorized by the SU Foundation and was negotiated by its affiliated Real Estate Foundation.

The property borders another University purchase: 9.5 acres on South Division Street Extended, previously occupied by Shoreland Freezers. Possible future uses of the two sites may include any number of academic, cultural, athletic and support facilities such as a fine and performing arts center or a new fieldhouse. The University regularly updates its Facilities Master

Plan and those decisions will be made in the future.

One real use of the property now is parking. For the last two years, SU has been leasing 645 parking spaces at Dresser. The University will continue to utilize those lots.

In a process similar to the Shoreland purchase, ownership of the land is expected to be transferred after Dresser R.E., the current owner, razes the buildings, which have been unoccupied for several years.

The University has been undergoing a rapid expansion in recent years. In September, SU held the grand opening for its new \$65 million Teacher Education and Technology Center. At 165,000 square feet, it's the largest building on campus. This semester SU started construction of its first parking garage at the corner of Bateman and Wayne streets. In fall 2009, it breaks ground on a new \$45 million home for the Perdue School of Business on Route 13 near Henson Science Hall and a new residence hall at the site of the current Allenwood shopping center.

"The Salisbury University of the future will offer even more opportunities to our region, the state and the nation," said Dudley-Eshbach. "To fulfill such potential, however, we need the physical space to grow. The acquisition of Dresser has great significance. For the University, it's our Louisiana Purchase. I want to express my heartfelt appreciation to all who made this possible, particularly Paul Parks, president of the SU Real Estate Foundation, and Kim Nechay, assistant director of the SU Foundation. Their impact on the future of this institution is immeasurable."

For more information, visit the SU Web site at www.salisbury.edu or call 410-543-6030.

Pace your race

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The Salisbury seniors who hosted the event included Ashley Francis, Ryan Sites, Tim McIntosh, Kyle Farmer and Topper Person.

Outside of Mages Gym was a moon bounce donated by Ace Hardware and a registration table. Registration to participate in the race was \$5 with a school ID. All proceeds were donated to Dove Pointe.

Many people also gave anonymous donations to support the organization. With registration, people also entered a raffle. Prizes included gift certificates donated by Breaktime sports bar.

"I'm excited. It is a great contribution to an already excellent organization. I love promoting physical activity. Doing it for a charitable donation is not only rewarding emotionally and mentally,

but also physically," said Sean Fadden, Salisbury University alumnus.

Students, alumni and members of the community and Dove Pointe all came out to show their support for the cause. "I like to know that I can help and it also helps me stay fit," said sophomore Steph Velky.

The fundraiser was held to raise money for mobility enhancer equipment. The "Pacer" is designed for those who can use their legs but cannot support their body weight. This device harnesses the body, removing the strain on their legs, enabling people who have never been able to walk to move on their own. The "Stander" is a stand-up wheelchair. This way, people are still using their hands for mobility but they are positioned

vertically, making day-to-day activities easier. These new pieces of equipment run from \$2,200 - \$2,300.

A mini-race demonstrating just how the devices worked was held before the 5K began. Rick Lewis, 24, has lived with mental retardation and cerebral palsy his entire life. His disabilities have left him unable to walk with his own feet until now. Rick, beaming with enthusiasm and excitement, began to race even before the whistle blew.

"This is a tremendous experience for those with disabilities to feel acceptance. We are so excited to be here and participate in such a wonderful activity," said Don Hackett, Executive Director of Dove Pointe.

Winter semester delayed due to furlough

By Sarah Lake
Editor-in-Chief

At a Nov. 13 forum, SU President Janet Dudley-Eshbach announced the strong possibility of worker furloughs. Possibility has become reality, as SU announced January 2, 2009 a projected date for a furlough.

A furlough, by definition, is a temporary layoff from work.

Regardless as to whether or not an employee is scheduled to work on Jan. 2, they would "take the day off and lose a day's pay," Crockett said. "There are two benefits to a furlough," Crockett said. "Of course there's salary savings; but there's also savings related to not opening the buildings - energy savings."

This is not likely to be the end of temporary layoffs, as there has been discussion of anywhere between one to five furlough days. "The

sion regarding which employees would be impacted has not yet been finalized," Crockett said in a phone interview on Monday. "But essentially the campus would be closed."

Jan. 2 furlough has not been finalized, but it would not be surprising if there were more," Crockett said. "At one point, Jan. 26 was proposed, but I don't have any information regarding whether it has been officially declared a furlough day."

Due to a state budget shortfall of \$432 million, SU's 2008 state funding was cut by \$1.3 million, and it is likely the University will face an additional \$2.6 million in funding cuts. In October, the University imposed a hiring freeze, which officials do not see being lifted anytime soon. "We're not seeing any revenue estimates that lead us to believe things are going to improve significantly in the near future," Crockett said.

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Terror attacks in Mumbai leave 170 dead



Prashanth Vishwanathan/New York Times photo

Police watched the historic Taj Mahal Hotel, set ablaze by terrorists, in Mumbai, India on Thursday, Nov. 27.

By Laura Dignan
Staff Writer

Wednesday, Nov. 26 marked the start of a three-day terrorist attack that took place in Mumbai, India killing over 170 people and injuring more than 300. Five bombs went off in the planned attack and gunmen were witnessed opening fire on innocent individuals. Two of the bombs exploded in taxis in the north Mumbai suburb of Vile Parle and on the Mazgaon Dockyard Road in south Mumbai. The other three bombs were set at the entrance to the Oberoi Trident Hotel and near the front and back

entrances of the historic Taj Mahal Palace Hotel.

On Wednesday night, a suspicious bag was found about 100 feet from the Taj Hotel entrance. Bomb-sniffing dogs were brought in and signaled to authorities that there were explosives inside the bag. The bag contained a metal box with approximately 17 pounds of a greasy, black explosive.

Around 8 a.m. Thursday, another metal box was found near the hotel's rear entrance containing the same type and amount of explosive as the other box.

An unnamed senior official of the Bush administration said on

Tuesday, Dec. 2 that the United States had warned India before the attacks. Indian officials were told that terrorists appeared to be plotting a water-borne attack on India's financial capital. Since the attacks, several top Indian officials have resigned, fueling criticism of the Indian government's lack of preparedness.

"Without detracting from the heroic efforts at the front line by the troops and police, this is a terrible indictment of the Indian intelligence apparatus," said Stephen G. Vickers, president of International Risk Ltd., "A Hong Kong-based security company that issued a

report six weeks ago warning that India should be wary of an increased risk of terrorist attacks." U.S. Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice traveled to New Delhi, India's capital, as part of an effort to ease tensions in the area. Indian and U.S. officials believe the attacks were controlled by Pakistani elements.

"I have said that Pakistan needs to act with resolve and urgency, and cooperate fully and transparently," Rice said during a press conference. "I know too this is a time when cooperation of all parties who have any information is really required."

The Indian government has

requested that Pakistan hand over 20 suspected terrorists living in the country but Pakistani President Asif Zardari said those suspected would be tried in Pakistan.

Azam Amir Kasab, the only surviving attacker, was interrogated and told police that he and nine others, had trained for months in camps in Pakistan operated by the Pakistani militant group Lashkar-e-Taiba which has been banned there since 2002. Founded in the late 1980s, the group aims to force India to withdraw from the disputed regions of Jammu and Kashmir and to create an Islamic caliphate in South Asia.



Prakash Singh/AFP photo

Indian National Akali Dal activists burn a Pakistani national flag during a protest in New Delhi on Sunday.

Recession officially started a year ago, says panel

By Kelley Matney
Staff Writer

It is now official: The United States is in a recession and has been for a year now.

The National Bureau of Economic Research (NBER) announced their findings Dec. 1. The NBER is a non-profit, private research organization whose Business Cycle Dating Committee made the decision.

NBER has declared the start and conclusion of all U.S. recessions since the 1920s and became the official authority in the 1960s, when the Commerce Department adopted its business cycle dates. NBER usually does not make a recession official until the United States economy has been in said recession for several months or until said recession is over.

The term "recession" is used when a country's Gross Domestic Product (GDP) maintains a negative growth factor more two or more consecutive quarters.

The GDP recorded with a neg-

ative growth in the July-September quarter of this year, and numerous economists believe it is still falling in this current quarter at an even sharper pace. There was a peak in the United States economy in December 2007.

According to NBER's Web site, "The peak marks the end of the expansion that began in November 2001 and the beginning of a recession. The expansion lasted 73 months. The previous expansion of the 1990s lasted 120 months."

Many economists say the country is dealing with the most severe financial crisis since the 1930s Depression, as banks strain to deal with billions of "dollars in losses from loans."

Treasury Secretary Henry Paulson commented on the decision in a speech to business executives in Washington. "While we are making progress, the journey ahead will continue to be a difficult one, but I have confidence that we are pursuing the right strategy to stabilize the financial system and support the flow of

credit into our economy."

He gave no specifics on what the Bush administration is actually doing, however, just that they are trying to increase capital in financial institutions.

When asked about the NBER decision, Paulson said that Americans have been dealing with the decline for a while and probably would not be surprised by the "big news."

He also stated that the administration could tell the economy was declining at a significant rate, and they had moved promptly to counter this problem - most likely referring to the \$168 billion economic stimulus package Paulson pushed to Congress last February.

The decision on the recession means that during the eight years that President Bush has been in office, the country has seen two recessions. The first lasted from March 2001 until November 2001. The current recession, which will be a year old this month, has lasted longer than the 10-month average for recessions in the post-World War II period.

From the Suggestion Box

This column is based on the comments and concerns of students, faculty, and staff via the suggestion boxes online at www.salisbury.edu/suggestionbox. The President's Office seeks responses to the issues raised from appropriate campus personnel. Not everything can be fixed, but a reasoned explanation can be offered. Keep those suggestions coming!

From the Suggestion Box

"Have you seen the ceiling tiles by the vents in the bistro dining room? They are disgusting! It's sad when parents come for family weekend and point it out."

Paul Land, Director of Auxiliary Services, responded:

"First of all thank you for your comment concerning the Bistro ceiling. We are aware that the ceiling tiles need to be replaced. What we have done this year is to replace the carpet and to paint both the Dorchester and Bistro seating areas. Our final upgrade will be to replace the tiles in the Bistro seating area and then the facility will look brand new. We need a window of time when classes are not in session to have this completed. We anticipate this will be completed prior to the end of spring semester."

Protestors in the Don Muang airport in Bangkok celebrate Wednesday when they learn the People's Power Party had been disbanded.

Thailand airport standoff leaves tourists stranded

By Sarah Duffy
Staff Writer

Beginning November 26 protesters in Thailand shut down Bangkok's primary airport for eight days in an attempt to force the resignation of Prime Minister Somchai Wongsawat. Somchai refused to step down despite the army chief's call for new elections and stated over a televised address that he would not allow protesters to topple his elected government. The crisis ended when the country's Constitutional Court ruled that Somchai and members of his party had committed electoral fraud and banned them from politics.

Due to the airport standoff occurring during the height of Thailand's tourism season, Thailand's economy has become endangered, adding to the already prominent political unrest and global financial problems. Tourism makes up six percent of the country's economy, and is continually slowing down due to concerns of instability.

All flights were canceled, stranding those vacationing in the once sought after location. Frustrated passengers were bussed to nearby hotels, but were not able to fly home until the protesters left and the airport reopened on Friday. Some tourists remain stranded due to the chaos still remaining in the airport's flight schedule.

The protest group, People's Alliance for Democracy (PAD), seemed intent on the military intervening and bringing down the elected regime as it had in 2006, when it overthrew the government of Somchai's allegedly corrupt brother-in-law Thaksin Shinawatra. PAD remains strong and during the political crisis it seized control of not only two airports, but also the prime minister's office compound.

Protestors handed out flyers to the waiting travelers explaining why they took over the airports. However, many remained frustrated and wished to fly home for the Thanksgiving holiday. Among the stranded tourists was a Baltimore couple vacationing in Thailand for their honeymoon.

This past Wednesday, Thailand's Constitutional Court ruled that Somchai and several of his supporters had bought votes in 2007's election. As punishment, those found guilty have been banned from Thai politics for five years and Somchai's party, the People's Power Party, has been disbanded. The decision was greeted with cheers from the protesters, who left the airport on Wednesday. The leader of PAD has warned that protests would be called again if another corrupt government is put into power.

HISTORY CORNER

December 9
1979 - The eradication of the smallpox virus is certified, making smallpox the first and to date only human disease driven to extinction.

December 10
1901-The first Nobel Prizes are awarded.

December 11
1971 - The Libertarian Party of the United States is formed.

December 12
1941 - Adolf Hitler announces extermination of the Jews at a meeting in the Reich Chancellery.

December 13
2003 - Former Iraqi President Saddam Hussein is captured near his home town of Tikrit.

December 14
1911-Roald Amundsen's team, comprising himself, Olav Bjaaland, Helmer Hanssen, Sverre Hassel, and Oscar Wisting, becomes the first to reach the South Pole.

December 15
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What do you want Santa to bring you for Christmas this year?



"I want a Redskins jersey."

Emily Rodgers - sophomore



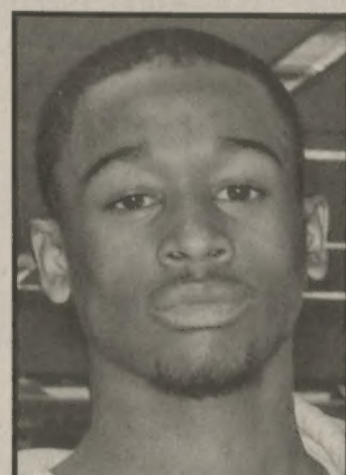
"Straight A's."

Kelli Bagby - freshman



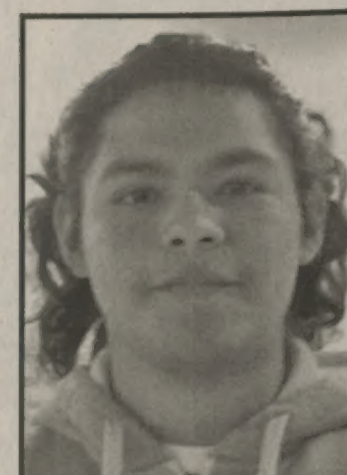
"A new pair of shoes."

Kellie Washington - junior



"I want Santa to bring me Lauren London."

Paul Moore - freshman



"I would like Santa to bring me a new car."

Pablo Otero - sophomore



"A job."

Yamilee Fleurival - freshman

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Black Friday trampling death sign of lost holiday meaning

By Jeremy Riffle
Editorial Editor

The day after Thanksgiving is the traditional start of the Christmas shopping season. Over the years, this day has become the crowning jewel in the commercialization of the holiday season, with hordes of shoppers massing outside stores hoping to take advantage of annual sales. The day is called Black Friday, traditionally because many retailers are now in the black ink of profits instead of the red ink of losses.

This year, Black Friday took on a new meaning after a worker at a Wal-Mart in New York was killed. The mob of customers waiting outside the store broke through the doors before the Wal-Mart opened. In their haste to reach bargains, the stampeding shoppers injured several people, including a pregnant woman, and trampled 34-year-old Jdimytai Damour. After Damour was declared dead and the Wal-Mart was officially designated a crime scene, many shoppers still

continued to hunt for bargains even as mourning employees were telling them about the tragedy and that the store was closing.

Have we really come to this? Do shopping and buying the Christmas gifts we want to give mean so much that the lives of others are disposable when they come between us and a discount on our holiday shopping?

Now, more than ever, we need something to help us find hope and gratitude. In these times of economic turmoil and war, the holiday season has an importance all the greater, because its meaning of thankfulness, love and hope is supposed to contrast against the precarious uncertainty of the world around us. What happened on this Black Friday shows that, for many, the holidays no longer have that greater significance. Instead, the holidays have become a time of greed and disregard for humanity.

We have lost sight of what the holiday season is supposed to represent. Thanksgiving is not

that day where everyone eats turkey, nor is it the day before all the stores have enormous sales. Hanukkah is not eight days and nights with dreidels and chocolate coins, and Christmas is not the day where everyone gets presents. These holidays are days that are set apart from all others so we can reflect on what we have to be thankful for and so we can look at the world around us with love and goodwill, instead of greed or fear.

Even in these uncertain times, we each have something to be thankful for; perhaps a good job, caring friends, or a loving family. During this holiday season and those yet to come, we should remember those things we have to be grateful for and cherish them, because none of us know what the future might bring.

And we should also remember Jdimytai Damour, who, because of the senselessness of those who forgot the real significance of the holiday season, will never again be able to celebrate a holiday with his family.

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~SUDOKU~
The Rules of Sudoku

The classic Sudoku game involves a grid of 81 squares. The grid is divided into nine blocks, each containing nine squares.

The rules of the game are simple: each of the nine blocks has to contain all the numbers 1-9 within its squares. Each number can only appear once in a row, column or box.

The difficulty lies in that each vertical nine-square column, or horizontal nine-square line across, within the larger square, must also contain the numbers 1-9, without repetition or omission.

Every puzzle has just one correct solution. Good luck.

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Difficulty Rating: Medium

Solution to last week's puzzle:

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1	8	2	4	9	5	3	6	7
5	6	1	8	4	7	9	2	3
7	3	9	6	1	2	8	4	5
2	4	8	5	3	9	1	7	6

Planned troop deployment on U.S. soil part of distressing trend



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20,000 troops will be deployed throughout the United States by 2011 to aid state and local governments in the event of a "nuclear terrorist attack or other domestic catastrophe." Sound Big Brother-ish?

By Zachary Caceres
Staff Writer

Last week, the Pentagon announced plans to deploy 20,000 troops throughout the United States by 2011. These forces will join other military personnel and members of the National Guard already patrolling domestic soil to aid state and local governments in the event of a "nuclear terrorist attack or other domestic catastrophe." While this rationale seems plausible, these plans, in the light of other recent government activity, take on an eerie hue.

In 2007, the White House issued a National Security directive commonly referred to as "Directive 51." This Orwellian plan outlines the official policy of the government in the event of a national emergency or martial law. Specifically, it grants the President far-reaching powers over Congress and the Supreme Court while the President's assistant on Homeland Security becomes "National Continuity Coordinator." The length of the emergency measures is not specified nor are the methods that will be used to declare such an event. Not surprisingly, conspiracy the-

orists had a heyday fabricating links between a "Directive 51" by Hitler and outlining secret plots for a Bush-led military coup.

While these theories do not hold up well under scrutiny, it is important that we do not write off all of our concern as chat-room paranoia. Directive 51 is a power grab and its limits are vaguely worded enough to worry anyone with a respect for the balance of power between branches of government. The Pentagon's domestic deployment plans are in clear violation of the Posse Comitatus Act—a long-standing law that restricts the use of mili-

tary personnel as law enforcement. Our industry and financial sectors are rapidly falling under governmental control through the recent bailout. Even GM, an American trademark, may be restructured by the government in exchange for emergency loans. Our privacy is in near constant jeopardy as we face a future of wiretapping, closed-circuit surveillance and electronic medical records. Though we are not likely facing the conspiracists' end of America, we should not overlook the importance of these anti-Constitutional moves by our government.

America's founders were deeply opposed to standing armies; they knew that today's means of "defending against foreign invasion" was tomorrow's method of tyranny and silencing dissent. We should never become comfortable with soldiers, armed with assault rifles, standing on New York street corners. Free societies are shut down incrementally, not overnight. If we become passive, we may not even notice the ever-growing military presence on our streets. If we remain silent, we may find our voices squelched when they are needed most.

We may not yet need to feel the Big Brother panic gripping the conspiracy blogosphere; but we must remain vigilant in opposing each and every step of government encroachment, lest we become complacent enough to let the conspiracists' dark future ever come to pass.

New residence hall great for future students

By Morgan Majchrzak
Staff Writer

Have you heard? Salisbury University is building a new residence hall, set to open in the summer of 2011. This is the first time in 18 years that SU is building new housing for students. The residence hall will be able to accommodate 600 upperclassmen students and will be built in what is now the Allenwood Shopping Center. There is a slight twist, however. This residence hall will be a mix of commercial and residential space. The ground level will house businesses, such as a coffee shop, restaurants, a cloth-

ing store or even a book store. Above them will be the apartments.

Overall, this is a great idea. SU is in desperate need of more on-campus upperclassmen housing. If we want to live on campus, we can only choose between Chesapeake Residence Hall, which prefers that you also have seven other friends who want to live with you; St. Martin Residence Hall, which also prefers you know at least three others to live with; and Dogwood Village, in which you live by yourself and are on the edge of campus so it is quite a walk to anywhere but the Commons. By having another res-

idence hall, 600 more upper-class students can live on campus and not have to worry about commuting, extra bills and rent. However, the Allenwood Shopping Center is about as far, if not farther, than Dogwood Village is from the center of campus. If I were to live in the new residence halls, I am not sure how comfortable or safe I would feel walking back to my hall late at night. I would probably have someone walk back with me just because it is that far from the rest of campus. It might have been a better idea to build a residence hall where the new parking garage will be and move the parking garage to the Allenwood

Shopping Center. That way, the new residence hall would be a bit closer to the middle of campus, and it is just a short walk under the lighted Route 13 tunnel. I would feel a bit safer making that walk than to Allenwood. For the most part, I would like to thank SU for listening to the students and actually doing something productive about it. I wonder how they will decide which upperclassmen will get to reside there. I guess we will have to wait and see unless, like me, you will have graduated by then. In that case, I guess, future students can thank us for making SU on-campus housing a bit better.

Letter to the Editor

Terrorism should not be associated with religion

Dear Editor,

Islam denounces and condemns the killing of innocent human beings. Terrorist actions are anti-Islam. Their ideology and savagery goes against the very core and ideals of Islam and the Holy Qur'an.

With the most recent attacks in Mumbai, there are many references in the media labeling the terrorists as Muslims, Jihadists, and Islamists. My contention is that when we identify the religious affiliations of these criminals, we are legitimizing their madness. This only fuels their twisted ideology and gives them authorization to recruit, brainwash and propagate their hateful rhetoric globally.

Why should we facilitate any terrorist group by uniting them under

the banner of Islam? Instead we need to cut them off, isolate them and identify them by their own specific groups.

Let's not validate terrorist ideology by associating them with the compassionate religion of Islam or any religion for that matter. It is illogical to think that such brutality and senseless killing can be endorsed or legitimized by any religion on earth. Terrorism has no concept of God, knows no religion and has no borders.

Peace,
Schmina Jaffer Chopra
Salisbury, MD

*Chopra is an American Muslim of Indian descent.



Arko Datta/Reuters photo

Activists hold placards during a peace rally held by Indian Muslims to condemn the recent attacks by gunmen in Mumbai December 7.



Recession 2008 vs. the Depression

Perhaps things aren't as bad as we think

By Eric J. Buratty
Staff Writer

One of the main comparisons made in many news sources is that the current U.S. economy is similar to the way it was during the Depression timeframe. Nothing is what it seems though. Even though this similarity may seem apparent on the surface, the good news is that we are not headed for another Depression. This is due to the fact that the two crises are actually very different. In spite of their respective similarities, an outweighing difference relates to the severity of the crises. The severity of this crisis and the severity of the Depression simply do not match up.

To put things into perspective, try comparing the Nov. 2008 unemployment rate of 6.7 percent to the massive 24 percent experienced during the Great Depression! "By and large, the Great Depression was the result of bad monetary policy in the 1930s," said Dr. Dustin Chambers of the SU Economics Department. The Federal Reserve had raised interest rates to maintain the Gold Standard—another aspect of monetary policy that currently does not exist—and failed to fulfill its duty as a "lender of last resort" to prop-up the failing Bank of the U.S. The obviously incorrect policy response resulted in the tremendous drop in the price level. This led to the negative effects of reductions in respective revenues coupled with the "debt spiral," which magnified the debt obliga-

tions of small businesses and farmers.

During the current crisis, "the Federal Reserve has been more vigilant about stabilizing banks and aiding them with liquidity," Chambers said. This means the central bank is being more proactive instead of reactive now with their policy decisions. Essentially, a preemptive approach has been taken through acting in coordination with the government's fiscal policy to avoid the full-blown economic meltdown experienced during the Depression. Other positive aspects as a result of the more effective monetary policy are: inflation is definitely easing, the middle class is fairly strong, trade policies are continuing to improve and there are major sources of global economic growth among the developing nations of Brazil, Russia, India and especially China.

With a more optimistic outlook in effect for the U.S. economy, it is best to avoid thinking that we are headed for another Depression. This smaller crisis the U.S. is experiencing now will not hinder global capitalism in the way that it was hindered during the Depression, despite what some people may think. It is also important to learn from mistakes as a nation will ensure that the right things are done in the future to reduce the possibility of financial crises.

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P4F holds annual Fashion Bazaar



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Sophomore and treasurer of P4F Merasha Bailey struts her stuff during the scene "Fatal Attraction: Opposites Attract." Clothing was designed by junior Christiana Olajide.

By Ashlee Laughlin
Staff Writer

Last Saturday night, Passion for Fashion Models, Incorporated hosted their annual fall fashion show, Fashion Bazaar, in the Wicomico Room located at the GUC.

Passion for Fashion Models, Inc. (P4F) was established in 2001. The multicultural organization produces both a fall and spring fashion shows each year. These shows are filled with high fashion and cultural diversity.

The Fashion Bazaar runway show was hosted by students Monae Stokes and Victoria "Skata" Lawson and former president of P4F, Inc. and 2008 SU alumna, Makeda Nanton. The trio represented their organization well. Stokes and Lawson kept the crowd entertained

between scenes with their humor, resulting in laughs and smiles across the room.

The fashion show was a spectacular way to showcase the fall fashion of the upcoming year. Their motto was to "show a little but to explain a lot" in the world of fashion. With amazing designs from assistant creative designer Saily Eko and model Christiana Olajide, P4F not only "ripped the runway" but showcased the many talents of their modeling organization as well.

There were several scenes that presented a sassy collaboration of models wearing the latest trends. Most enjoyable of scenes was the Clean Cut & Classy collection. This particular scene incorporated many unique styles of intriguing yet subtle clothing options. The male models presented a debonair selection of

classic cut slacks and nice fitting collared shirts and vests while the ladies accented the scene with high fashion that showed off their legs in couture dresses and skirts.

One of the most memorable scenes included in the Fashion Bazaar was titled, "A Historical Tribute." This scene was dedicated to President-Elect Barack Obama. The models continued to strut down the runway in a series of Obama garb in order to not only celebrate but also to commend the country's new president in a stylish manner.

The P4F show is a yearly staple for the University. Each year the students on campus look forward to their presentations. With the help of their advisor Thekisha Towns, several faithful supporters of Multicultural

Student Services and numerous other outside volunteers, this modeling group has yet again put on a phenomenal show. Immediately preceding the show, the group held an after show party hosted by DJ Nasry. The models ended their night with a party and invited all SU students to join them in celebrating the show's success.

The show would not be a success without the hard work and dedication of co-presidents Davina Johnson and Orlett Haskett, creative directors and board members Kabrina Horsey, Alphonso Jones, Saily Eko, Merasha Bailey, Christiana Olajide and assistance from former Passion for Fashion Models, Inc. president and stylist Lia Evans of Baltimore, Maryland.



Telecia Taylor photo
Freshman nursing major Azah Ndeh sings "If I Ain't Got You" by Alicia Keyes during Saturday night's Fashion Bazaar.



April Katsirubas photo

"Stocking Stuffers" was presented Saturday and Sunday in Black Box Theater

Sophanes add a twist to Christmas

By Alyana Gomez
Staff Writer

This past Saturday and Sunday, Sophanes, Salisbury University's Theatre Club, performed their Christmas play "Stocking Stuffers." The show was a fun comedy that satirically displayed the twists of the yuletide Christmas season.

Director Brian J. Hoyle calls it a nice opener for the Christmas season that is enjoyable for adults and kids alike. "It can be laughed at and I am a big fan of plays that have satirical parodies," Hoyle said.

The club accepted donations at the door for admission including donations of toys, to be donated to Toys for Tots.

The play had three different stories about Christmas. Each scene consisted of characters from the North Pole viewing Christmas and Santa Claus in their own perspective. The first scene was about the underated holiday icons that felt like Santa stole the fame out of their holidays.

The second scene was about four dolls that come alive when no

one is around. They are fed up living the lives of dolls in a world where no one appreciates them.

The third and final scene is about a trial of two of the reindeer that ran over grandma on the roof of her house. With Scrooge being the prosecuting attorney, the judge finds the reindeer guilty, even though grandma had had a little too much to drink.

The play "Stocking Stuffers" was a fun and humorous show with a lot of Christmas cheer, while poking fun at the holiday season. It showed stories from the other side, from characters who, instead of being filled with excitement over decorations, presents and the holiday season, were tired of being the victims.

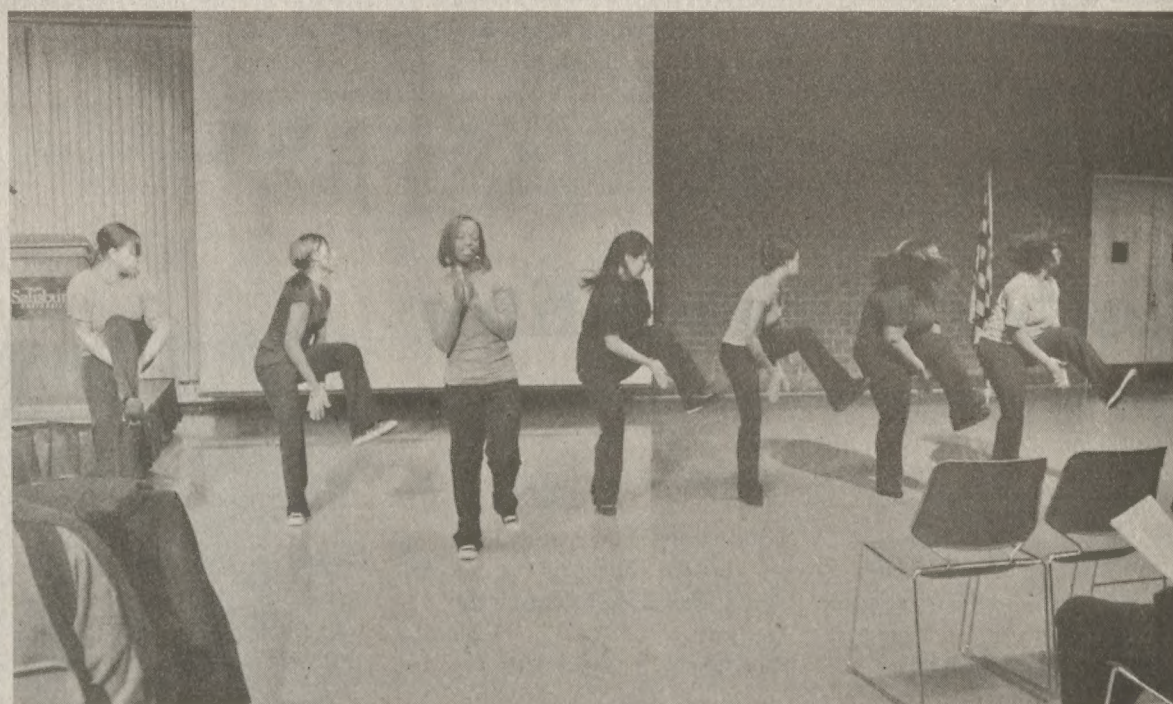
The set had signs that read "anti-Santa" and "free the reindeer" to complete the whole theme. However, in the end, all of the characters came to realize the giving and loving aspect of the Christmas season. It was a good laugh for the whole family that helped reveal the meaning of Christmas.

From the Photo Bank: What's Happening On Campus



Brett Morgan photo

Members of SU's Chamber Choir, conducted by Dr. William Folger, serenade the crowd at Saturday's Renaissance Madrigal Dinner, held in the Bistro of the Commons. Other featured entertainers were the Herald Brass, a recorder consort, a string ensemble, and some 70 SU dance and theatre students.



Sarah Wright photo

Members of the SU Step Squad perform an original step titled "Ugima" at last Wednesday's Kwanzaa program. Ugima is a principle of Kwanzaa that means "collective work and responsibility." This piece was the Squad's creative interpretation of the principle.



April Katsirubas photo

"Stocking Stuffers," a parody that pokes fun at the commercialism associated with Christmas, was presented this past weekend in Black Box.



Sarah Wright photo

Master of Ceremonies junior Jessica St. Sulfme leads the Kwanzaa Celebration held last Wednesday in the Wicomico Room of the GUC.



Adrienne Price photo

Freshman Katie Perkins builds a masterpiece at the GUC Events-sponsored Gingerbread House contest, held last Tuesday in the GUC.

Weekly Greek News November's Greek of the Month



submitted photo

Corey Meyer

By Danielle Wooters
Staff Writer

Salisbury University's women's Greek life is headed by the Panhellenic Council. This council consists of one representative from each sorority who come together to implement rules and oversee all of the sororities on Salisbury's campus. Each month the Panhellenic Council asks each sorority on campus to nominate a member of their sorority that they think best represents their chapter. The Panhellenic Council reviews the nominees and picks the girl they think best

represents Greek life on our campus the best. They look at GPA, campus involvement, level of involvement within their sorority, and other activities. Erin Rudy, treasurer of the Panhellenic Council says, "Greek of the Month is someone who the council feels best represents Greek Life at Salisbury. They must be an exemplary student and a great, active member of their sorority."

November's Greek of the Month is Corey Meyer of Delta Gamma. Meyer is very actively involved in Delta Gamma, and currently serves as their vice president of Panhellenic relations. She also sits on the Sponsorship Committee. She is very closely involved with philanthropies through Delta Gamma including Service for Sight and Adopt-A-Highway. "This semester, my sisters from Delta Gamma and I have been working really hard on Anchor Splash, our main philanthropic event, where teams participate in pool-related relay races and other events such as synchronized swimming to raise money for Service for Sight, which fundraises for the visually impaired," Meyer said. This philanthropy is important to Meyer

because her family has a history of diabetes, and some of the effects are severe damage of the eyes and visual impairment.

Outside of Delta Gamma, Meyer is actively involved in volunteering for Habitat for Humanity. She has volunteered there twice a week for the past semester and plans to continue to do so. Meyer is a junior, majoring in social work. She plans on going to graduate school after she earns her Bachelor's degree, but doesn't yet know where. Her career goal after school is to work for child protective services and move back to her hometown of Baltimore, Maryland. In her spare time, Meyer likes to play soccer, hang out with her sisters and read. "I'm honored to even be nominated for Greek of the Month because Greek life is so important on this campus," Meyer said.



Staff Spotlight: Andrea Wheatley, Multicultural Student Services

By Amanda Durski
Staff Writer

If Andrea Wheatley is not spending time with her family or attending her children's events, she can most likely be found working hard on the second floor of the Guerrieri University Center. Wheatley currently holds the position of administrative assistant for Salisbury University's Multicultural Student Services. She is the individual who helps plan, organize and generate the various activities and projects. Her efforts are vital to the goal of the department. "Multicultural Student Services provides leadership opportunities, resources and cultural events for minorities. The service strives to enhance the academic achievement

of its students and help them to reach their full potential," Wheatley said.

Through her organized strategies and work habit, Wheatley is a key mechanism that allows the department to run smoothly and meet its objectives. Her efficient performance is apparent to those she works with and has not gone unnoticed. "Andrea is a timely person who is self-sufficient and doesn't require supervision. She is always one step ahead of the activities and projects of the department. Nothing slips through the cracks with Andrea around and she is a very hard worker. I enjoy having her work with me," said Vaughn White, the director of Multicultural Student Services.

These qualities are conveyed to the other positions that Wheatley holds at Salisbury University. In addition to her position in Multicultural Student Services, she is an administrative assistant to the Student Disability Support Services. "The service is important to the campus because it provides guidance, resources and accommodations for students with disabilities," Wheatley said.



Publications photo

Andrea Wheatley

also served as advisor in the past for the Casser le Moule fashion group. "She definitely has a passion for students here. It's never a

"Andrea is a creative person who has great ideas for better helping our students," said Nikki Dyer, Student Disability Support Services Coordinator. Currently, she is the advisor for the dance group SU POMS. She

problem to stop in and say hello," said senior and MSS student assistant, Linda Johnson. "She has an 'open door policy' for students. She's very dedicated and has an amazing personality," said senior Jonte Robinson. Wheatley's personality and ease with the students allows her to get along with them effortlessly. Her commitment and appreciation of them is very obvious.

"She has a great demeanor with the students and it is apparent that she sincerely likes them," White said.

Wheatley has worked at SU for five years. Previous to working for Multicultural Student Services, she worked in Human Resources. Her time at the college has been enjoyable.

"I really like it at Salisbury University. There are truly some great students who step outside of their comfort zones to help me and the department," Wheatley said.

In addition to working at SU, Wheatley is currently taking classes toward her Bachelor's degree at University of Maryland University College. This upcoming winter break will give her the rest and relaxation she deserves. She plans to spend the extra hours "eating, shopping and spending time with the family."

With her hard-working attitude, organized approach and friendly demeanor, it is apparent that she is a meaningful addition to Salisbury University's Multicultural Student Services and beyond.

CD REVIEW

Where in the World is Kanye West?

By Jake Graham
Staff Writer

For an artist whose true emotions are ordinarily drowned out beneath ego-saturated lyrics and head thumping beats, Roc-A-Fella Records' recording artist Kanye West boldly treads previously untouched hip hop territory for his fourth commercial LP "808s & Heartbreaks." In a genre of music that is historically plagued with "gangsta" mentalities and exploitative lyrics, West dares to do the nearly inconceivable for a commercial hip hop record, compose his entire album around the sentiment of heartbreak.

In all its ambition, this album had the true potential to be a genre-bending classic that gave a wittingly poignant account of the agony a man experiences in the midst of dreams deferred and love lost. The delivery, however, was terribly misplaced. 808's largest ambition may have been its biggest setback. The line between explorative soul searching and complete self loathing is crossed one too

many times on this CD as West hop-scotches from the tremble lipped retelling of a cheating fiancé in "Bad News" to the sing-song tale of "losing his soul to a (heartless) woman" in his latest single

panty a Kanye West album are at the peak of innovation. 808's sound can be attributed to the very old, very basic 808 drum machine that was used to create every beat for this LP (thus, the name "808s & Heartbreaks"). The result is a variety of electro-bipped beats that progress with a casual 80's bounce and digitally altered fluidity.

The combination of emotionally heavy lyrics and sharply fashioned beats results in a peculiar hip-hop/emo hybrid that is, if nothing else, innovative. The major problem with "808's & Heartbreaks" is that the infamously cocky persona that West has spent his career building, is lost amidst the level of self pity that permeates the lyrics. On previous albums, West was at one extremity, boasting and bragging and



Internet photo

Kanye West's new album, "808s & Heartbreaks"

"Heartless."

Despite the redundant scenarios and repetitive, tear drenched lyrics, there are moments West achieves purity in both content and delivery. In "The Coldest Winter," a song written about the accidental death of his mother, West exposes his naked soul for the world to see, letting loose such rhetorical angst as "Goodbye my friend/Will I ever love again?"

As always, the beats that accom-

panying on, and now, in the blink of an eye, appears suddenly meager, timid and vulnerable. There is no middle ground that would link these two very different images. Though the effort was valiant, the connection simply was not made this go around. Perhaps on his next album, West will discover that 1) innovation is not enough to merit brilliance and 2) a healthy medium is much more than simply a shirt size.

Good luck on your finals! Love, The Flyer

Month of the Scholar

Panhellenic Council would like to congratulate the following girls from each sorority for maintaining a cumulative GPA of 3.5 or higher:

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Unordinarily S(h)ane

By Shane Hill
Staff Writer

After the tease of a Thanksgiving break we had, it is no wonder some of us are anticipating the extended winter break and looking forward to the holidays. While some of us are cruising through these next couple weeks, others are stressing out about final projects, papers and exams. Then there are those of us playing catch-up with school. We had our fun goofing around and just passing, but now just passing is border line D versus C.

Then there are those of us, like me, for whom not a single shock in the world can make us care.

Our grades are, well, where they are and we're clawing our way through classes, tooth and nail, and dragging ourselves out of bed to our 8, 9 and 10 a.m. classes each morning. If you are like me, right now is about the time when you are in the non-caring phase. School is just a six letter word and break is just a last exam and a drive away. So in this, I ask myself, why does it matter?

Unfortunately, despite popular belief, school is not yet over. And believe it or not there are a lot of things that can still influence our grades, like attendance, punctuality and, of course, everyone's favorite, exams. Instead of pouring ourselves into other things we

can give it our last good try and bring that border line grade up to the next highest grade, because not all teachers curve grades, but some may give last minute extra credit in the form of papers, projects or research. And besides, extra credit may be painful to our brains and eat up our time, but not once has it hindered someone's grade.

When studying for exams it is best not to cram, and although there are those of us who work better under pressure, stress is never healthy. Instead of cramming to comprehend all the reading at once, divide the work equally each night until the exam. Study not only text books but notes as

well. And it is never too late to ask the teacher for advice, or tell them your grade goals, whatever they may be, and see where it gets you. Sleep is another very important factor in success. Often over looked, we usually stay up all night and sometimes miss the class we stayed up for in the first place. The last thing you want to do is wake up and miss an exam, which is the worst way to end a semester, aside from passing out in hallways from lack of sleep and poor nutrition, when caffeine is no remedy. Eating wise is also good; eat breakfast, because you will want to concentrate and focus on the material instead of stomach aches. Good luck!

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"I'm working on a group project that's worth a major part of our grade. One of our group members is completely slacking off and everyone else is picking up the pieces. We all have other things going on and I'm afraid the project will not get done properly. How should I talk to our group member and get them to step up before the semester is over?"

Before you confront the teacher, talk to your group member. See if the times you are meeting are conflicting with their schedule and if you could meet at another time that would be more accommodating. Explain to them that everyone in the group has responsibilities for the project and that if they are not completed, the whole project will fall apart. Maybe your group member does not realize he or she isn't pulling their own weight and will feel bad and contribute. If this does not work, I sug-

gest going to the teacher, and telling your group member you are going to do so. If this does not make them work harder, it's going to be hard to say what will. Knowing the professor knows what's going on should be enough to make this slacker do their part. If not, at least the professor knows what's going on and can make sure that person receives the grade they deserve.

"I'm studying abroad for winter term and am a little nervous about leaving. I keep thinking something bad is going to happen while I'm there. What can I do to get this idea out of my head?"

It is important to remember that you are a guest in the country of your program. Be aware of your surroundings in whatever country you are visiting and know the culture. Take note of the ordinary people or events happening around you as you walk or ride to your various daily activities and other destinations. Try to blend in. Learn what is acceptable to wear by the culture's standards. There is safety in numbers. Whenever possible, travel with a group. Tell someone where you are going, especially if traveling alone (but really try to stay with a group).

Exhibit features glasswork by SU students

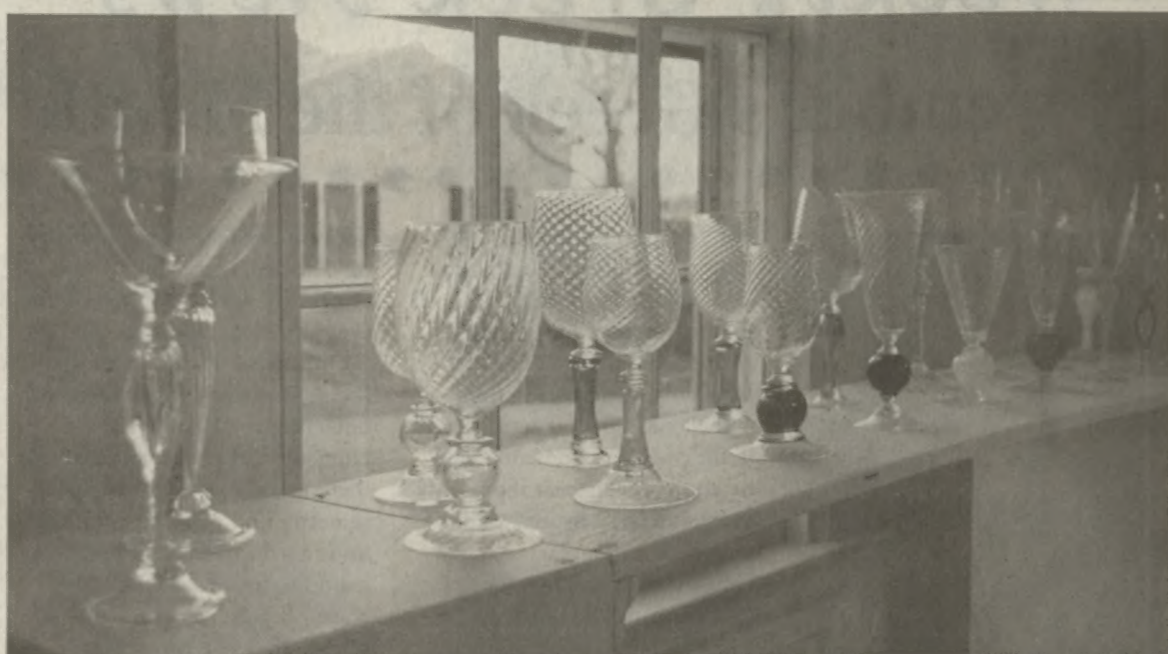
By Jillian Verpent
Staff Writer

Students, faculty and Salisbury community members packed into the quaint little house at 111 West Chestnut Street on Dec. 3 to see the Salisbury University Glass Club's "Out of the Furnace: Glass and More" Exhibition. The exhibit gave some of Salisbury University's senior glass students a chance to display and sell the pieces they have been working on. The artists featured in the exhibition were Jeff Mick, Jennifer Drake, Michael Benson, Jason Bromley and Adam Tedford.

A wide variety of hand blown glass pieces were on display, from wine goblets to intricate sculptures. There were also paintings and mixed media pieces featured.

A large chandelier made up of hand blown glass horns reaching out in every direction welded to a metal base hung in one of the three small rooms. The piece was by Bromley, who spent a great deal of time over the past two years working on it.

"I have spent much of the last two years perfecting blown glass



Heather Herb photo

Wine goblets were just one of the many pieces of hand blown artwork on display at the University Glass Club's "Out of the Furnace: Glass and More" Exhibition, held this past Wednesday on West Chestnut Street.

horns in order to assemble a large chandelier," Bromley said. "Having formulated my ideas I set out on the task of sorting through the many different ways in which to join and manipulate the medium of glass and metal."

Tedford has spent the better

part of the semester learning the techniques involved in Venetian goblet making. He produced a series of goblets for the exhibit. It is not uncommon to hear that glass students spend an incredible amount of time and energy working toward perfecting their craft;

most of them spend at least 15-18 hours per week in the studio.

"The process of blowing glass is physically demanding on the body," Drake said. "I have literally put my blood, sweat and, sometimes, tears into my development as a glass artist and the pieces I create."

Glass is a very unique medium to work with because it has to be done quickly once in the hot shop, where the pieces are shaped and sculpted.

"The most unique feature of working with hot glass is once you begin a piece you have to work through to its finish," Mick said.

The physical demands and technicalities involved in glass making become worth it when an artist sees all of the work through to the finished product. It is also a way for them to show off their personalities and flaunt their creative abilities.

"The art I create is a reflection of who I am as a person and it also reflects those who have inspired me," Benson said. "I put all of my heart and soul into the pieces that I make and in the end, if it's not what I want I will not keep it."



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From L to R: Adam Tedford, Jeff Mick, Jason Bromley, Jennifer Drake and Michael Benson. These senior glass students were featured at Wednesday's Exhibition. "I have literally put my blood, sweat and sometimes, tears into my development as a glass artist and the pieces I make," Drake said.

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Community partners to host Salisbury version of TV's "Biggest Loser"

By Robert Cogdell
Staff Writer

On January 9, 2009 the Delmarva community will get motivated and boosted into shape with a twelve-week program that is certain to please. Five community partners -

Healthy U of Delmarva, Salisbury University, Peninsula Regional Medical Center, the Wicomico County Health Department and the MID-Delmarva Family YMCA - all collaborated to present the Salisbury version of "The Biggest Loser." This program was designed to aid those who would like to commit to good health and make positive lifestyle changes.

Participants will create teams of four to six people and conduct confidential monthly weigh-ins and body measurements throughout the program. Each team will also be weighed as a whole at the beginning, middle and end of the program to determine the group that lost the highest percent of body fat. The winners will receive prizes as well as every team and participant, along with incentives to further motivate, teach and encourage positive life style changes.

"Once you can establish a support network of teams and membership, people at work on lunch break can go on walks that will help people. It adds motivation; everyone needs support," said Community Projects Director Deanna Harrell.

Each of the 12 weeks features a variety of healthy activities such as seminars and classes in cycling, yoga and body sculpting, to name a few. The program also

deals with such topics as nutrition, body image, emotional and stress eating, the importance of nutritional labels, health, wallet-friendly cooking classes and more.

"The costs for this program are nominal," Harrell said. Students, staff and members of any of the four other community collaborators pay only \$20, whereas non-members pay \$35. Participants are sure to get their money's worth as there are, on top of the classes, seminars and events with a number of professional dietitians and nutritionists from the Peninsula Regional Medical Center.

"This is our first year. With other communities doing it, there is good community collaboration and we're going to get bigger," Harrell said. With over twenty teams of four and plenty of room for more, Harrell and collaborators project a very successful program. "We're not turning anyone away," Harrell said.

The program is geared toward adults and college students, but late teens with parental consent can join in on the healthy fun as well. There are also a number of alternative programs the YMCA has geared towards anyone interested, including children.

The fun does not end after the twelve weeks as Harrell insists there is likely to be "possible follow up events, such as a monthly walk or roller skating for those who participated."

There is still time to register for the "Biggest Loser" contest. For more information visit the Active Delmarva link at <http://www.middlemarvaymca.org>.

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Club Spotlight

Geographic Society "Rocks"



Submitted photo

Members of the Geographic Society go spelunking, or cave exploring, at Laurel Caverns in Pennsylvania this past September. Information about upcoming events can be found outside Henson Science Hall Room 148.

By Laura Bounds
Staff Writer

If you enjoy exciting trips, active organizations and have an interest in geography, the Geographic Society is for you! The Salisbury University-based group sponsors activities of geographical nature to inspire interest in science and create educational experiences for the student body and community.

"We want geography and other majors alike to come together and volunteer to help others and the environment," said Jessica Carey, president of the Geographic

Society. "We take trips to see geographically significant areas people may have never known about or seen before."

To become a member, students don't need to be geography majors, though many members represent the Geography Department. "To join, just start attending the meetings," said Christina Sanders, Vice President of the society. "We're always excited to welcome new members into the Society."

Members are required to attend at least three meetings and accomplish at least five hours of

fundraising activities or volunteering each semester. "This can be through the participation in Geography Awareness Week, set-up and/or clean-up for a Society function, Homecoming, Sea Gull Century or Relay for Life," Sanders said. "We also require that members are involved in at least one fundraising activity in order to attend the trips."

Past trips and events the Society has participated in set them apart from other clubs on campus. The popular skiing and white water rafting trips are held at least once or twice a school year. Members

have also traveled across the U.S. in their search for learning experiences. "In 2007 the Society spent spring break in San Francisco exploring the physical geography of the area the Haight-Ashbury district and Alcatraz Island," Sanders said. "We are also involved in many volunteer and fundraising activities on campus."

This semester a trip to Pennsylvania, where members went camping and cave exploring, also called "spelunking," provided a valuable experience to those who enjoy the outdoors. Anticipated future events include a ski trip early next year as well as other potential excursions. "We're planning a trip, taking multiple stops down the East Coast such as Charlotte, Northern Florida and more," Carey said.

While the variety of expeditions and events are certainly a highlight to being part of the society, there are also invaluable friendships to be made. "My favorite thing about the Society is the people," Carey said. "We have members from all different majors and going on trips brings us really close so we bond quickly. It's a great way to meet new people, get out and have fun!"

The Geographic Society is open to all students. Meetings and additional information about upcoming events can be found outside Henson Room 148, where the Society holds their meetings. "We are always brainstorming new ideas to keep the Society exciting," Sanders said. "I've found opportunities to apply what I learned in the classroom to real life experiences, which gave me a completely new perspective on geography."

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Men's basketball hosts optimist classic

By Jeremy Kummer
Staff Writer

The 2008 Salisbury men's basketball season has officially begun. Salisbury (2-7, 0-1) hosted Mary Washington for their first CAC game last Wednesday night. The Gulls and Eagles both played well in the first half with Mary Washington having the slim advantage at halftime. However, the second half was all UMW. The Eagles shot 89 percent from three point land and were a perfect 5-for-5 down the stretch. Salisbury's defense was just a step too slow for UMW and ended up sending Mary Washington to the foul line 33 times. Junior Greg Palmer led Salisbury with 21 points and seven rebounds. Senior point guard Devin Jones scored 13 points and junior Matt Delizio contributed 10 points. "I'm disappointed in our record so far because we haven't really played up to our potential yet. The good news is that we are only one game into our conference schedule. We should pick it up and be fine down the road,"

Jones said. Mary Washington defeated SU 70 - 62.

Over the weekend, Salisbury hosted the annual Optimist Classic. Albright College, Messiah College and Randolph College were this year's participants. SU opened up the tournament against Albright College (7-1). Sophomore Chris McGrew dominated the paint by scoring 14 points and recording eight rebounds. Palmer recorded a double-double with 20 points and 13 rebounds. Once again, Salisbury was well within striking distance, only down two after the first 20 minutes. "They played well in the first half. But Albright kept putting together runs that proved to be just too much for Salisbury to overcome," said SU senior Darren Johnson. With 14 minutes to play in the game, Salisbury was down 42-40 and looking for some momentum. However, Albright had different ideas and pushed the lead out 73-57 and never looked back.

Messiah College (2-5) was the next Salisbury opponent. "Our main area of weakness is

rebounding. We need to do better at boxing out and getting the loose balls," said SU guard Sean Whitaker. Salisbury was out rebounded 33-25 in Saturday's night cap game. However, Salisbury shot 66.7 percent from behind the arc with Messiah only shooting 40.7 percent, which helped Salisbury secure the win. In the end, Salisbury outscored Messiah 81-73 and finished the Optimist Classic one and one.

Salisbury is now 2-8 overall this season and despite their record seem to be fairly optimistic about the rest of the season. "We really just need to find our individual roles, which only comes through in-game experience," Whitaker said. Salisbury's next home game is against conference rival York College on Dec. 9. York is currently 3-5 overall with a 1-1 CAC record. Salisbury will look to make the necessary adjustments and come out strong. "When we play together, we are a force in the CAC," Whitaker said.



Senior point guard Devin Jones scored 13 points against University of Mary Washington during last Wednesday's game. Gulls dropped the conference game 70 - 62.

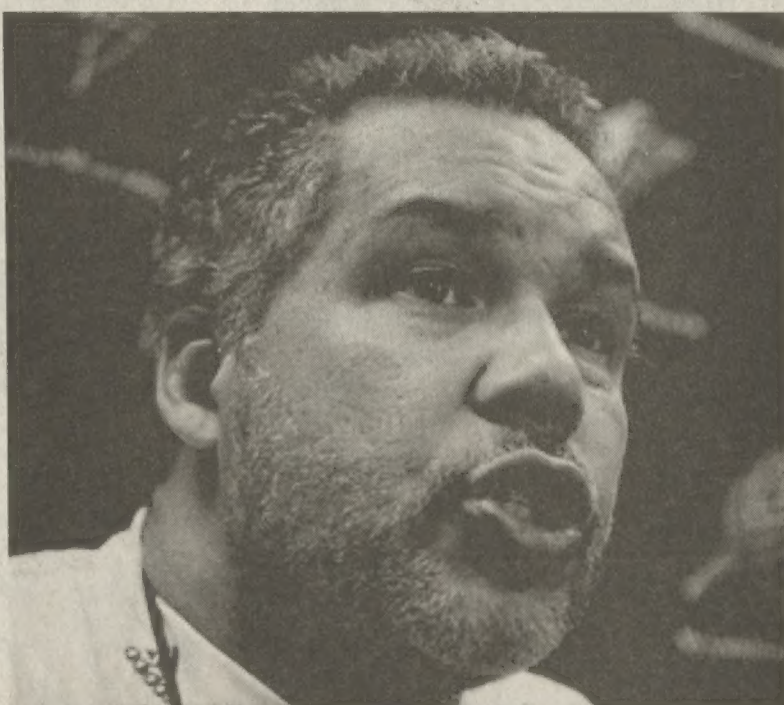
Wizards make bold move, fire coach

By Chris Brown
Staff Writer

Washington, D.C. is officially going through some changes. Not only is the city preparing to welcome in a new President, but it is also on the cusp of producing its first nationally recognized hip hop artist. Barack Obama will be taking office in January and rapper Wale's highly anticipated debut album drops in March. While this is the latest transition for D.C., the nation's capital is no stranger to reconstruction.

In May 2003, the Washington Wizards were reeling as they had just completed their sixth straight year of not making the postseason and their fifth straight year with a losing record. It was officially the end of the failed Michael Jordan experiment with the final nail going in the coffin when MJ's hand-picked head coach, Doug Collins, was fired. Called on to replace Collins was New Jersey Nets assistant coach Eddie Jordan, who had been on the Nets' bench for the last two seasons as the Nets made consecutive trips to the NBA finals. In the five seasons since, the Wizards have made the playoffs four times under Jordan's guidance. On Nov. 24, Washington fired Jordan and replaced him with director of player development Ed Tapscott, who up until appointment had never been a head coach in the NBA.

"It just felt like we were going in the wrong direction," said team president Ernie Grunfeld while talking to reporters about the team's decision. "We needed to do things a little bit differ-



Wizards' interim head coach Ed Tapscott is 2 and 5 since taking over in November.

ent," Grunfeld added that the team's 1-10 start was "unacceptable" and that a change had to be made.

Grunfeld also told reporters that he planned to "evaluate everything" at the end of the season. This seems to indicate that Tapscott is only a temporary solution. Potential candidates include University of Tennessee head coach Bruce Pearl as well as former player and current analyst Mark Jackson. The team feels that their vacancy at head coach is one of the more attractive jobs available in basketball due to the Wizards' success in the past, which can be attributed in large part to Jordan. Wizards chairman Abe Pollin said he was grateful for what Jordan had done, and credited him for tak-

ing the franchise back to the playoffs.

Injured starters Brendan Haywood and Gilbert Arenas are both out indefinitely and the Wizards rank close to last in every major statistical category. The team scores an average of 94.6 points per game, but surrender 103.4. They are last in the league in three-point shooting percentage and are 26 out of 29 in rebounds per game. Last year, the Wizards started 0-5 and in the past two seasons Jordan led Washington to the postseason despite injuries to every single player on the roster. Grunfeld and Pollin both spoke about a need for change, but as forward Antawn Jamison noted "The team is 1-10, not the coach."

Student Athlete Spotlight: Ben Overholt



Telecia Taylor photo
Ben Overholt

By Rachel Grau
Staff Writer

Senior Benjamin Overholt has been making a splash during his fourth year on the Salisbury swim team. Overholt has helped lead the Gulls to three wins this season including a fourth place finish at the Kutztown Invitational. Over the weekend, during a tri-meets with York and Goucher, he finished second in the 200-yard freestyle with a time of 1:51.35 and third in the 100-yard freestyle with a time of 51.20. Overholt is from Pitman, New Jersey where he began his swimming career. Outside of the pool he is a geography major and a business

administration minor. In the off season, he works as a lifeguard and runs, swims, lifts and surfs to stay in shape. Overholt swims the butterfly and freestyle sprints. "Those are my strengths, I'm terrible at distance," Overholt said. Last year, Overholt was named to the All-Capital Athletic Conference 400 free relay team and helped set a new school mark.

How long have you been swimming?
I started in my freshman year of high school.

What made you start swimming?
My freshman year a friend signed me up and I liked it and just kind of stuck with it.

Did you play any other sports in high school?
Baseball and golf.

What school is your biggest rival in the pool?
Definitely Marymount because they always put up the best competition, our meets are always really close.

What is your favorite part about being on the team?
The workouts and the team-

mates and friends I've gained over the past four years.

What are your goals for the next five years?
To complete either graduate or law school and have a stable career.

What made you come to Salisbury?
It was far enough away from home, but I could still go back easily and it was close enough to the beach.

Who is your hero?
My dad; he's always been there for me and taught me a lot. He's a genuine, respectful man.

What do you think it takes to be a good swimmer?
Hard work, dedication, commitment and determination.

Would you say you're a competitive person?
Very competitive; everything's a competition, which can be annoying to a point.

If you could have any super power what would it be?
Probably to fly. I'd really like to fly.

Three Gulls named 2008 field hockey All-Americans

By Shawn Nisson
Staff Writer

While the season didn't end how the Salisbury University field hockey team wanted it to, losing in the second round of the NCAA tournament, members of the squad are still raking in the off-season accolades. Three members of the SU field hockey team have been named to the recently released list of D-III All-Americans from Womensfieldhockey.com. Sophomore Kandice Hancock led the group of Gulls as she was named to the first team. Joining her was freshman Tara McGovern who was named the Division III Rookie of the Year as well as to the All-Rookie squad while also being named as a second team All-American. Junior Lauren Correll made her second straight appearance on the Womensfieldhockey.com All-American list following last year's selection to the second team by earning third team All-American honors this season.

"When I found out [that I was named an All-American] it was just like a shock of excitement. I couldn't really believe it, that's just one thing I've always dreamed about getting, third team, second team, whatever. I've always wanted to be an All-American and to get it is just pretty much an amazing feeling," Hancock said.

Hancock earned the honor this season after compiling 10 goals and passing out five assists while leading the Sea Gulls to a 15-4 record. The Co-CAC Player of the Year was also named to the National Field Hockey Coaches Association (NFHCA) All-American second team last week.

McGovern, who was already named to the All-CAC first team and was crowned CAC Rookie of the Year, certainly made an impact in her first season with the Gulls. The freshman defender started every game this season scoring two goals on 22 shots, while anchoring a young Salisbury backline.

"I really enjoyed our season

this year," McGovern said. "Especially coming in as a freshman I wasn't really sure what to expect. But I really loved it. The girls on the team all really helped with my transition and made my season a really fun one. After the season, I started looking forward to next season because, next season I think we'll be able to take advantage of some great things."

Correll, who will enter her senior season ranking seventh all-time in total points in school history with 58 goals, 14 assists and 130 points, is also already thinking about the squad's next campaign starting in the fall, with an eye towards a national title.

"I'm very thankful and appreciative of this award," Correll said. "When you get recognition like this it makes people want to work harder like 20 times harder. It just gives you a little extra push a little extra encouragement. Who doesn't like having their hard work recognized? Getting these individual awards are great, but what would be even better is a national team title."

Santa Claus classic hits SU

By Edward Baidoo
Staff Writer

Last week, Salisbury University hosted its first ever Santa Claus Classic. The event was a five-on-five intramural basketball tournament. Each team that played in the tournament had to donate \$20 to \$25 to Toys for Tots, who was in partnership with this event. The teams were very competitive and there were plenty of people that came out in support.

The tournament was a success thanks to the efforts of Wayne Gorrow, Assistant Director of Campus Recreation. The combination of basketball and giving to a good cause made this event perfect for the holiday season. "The reason for starting this event is twofold. Basketball is a very popular sport here, but space was limited. It was origi-

nally going to be a three-on-three tournament but then became a five-on-five tournament, which is better. It is nice that we can do this and give back, as well. This is a new event in its first year and we figured that it would be a no-brainer putting the two together. We also wanted to give back to those who aren't as well off as we are as well," Gorrow said.

The tournament is one that gives to the community and allows for less fortunate children to have a better Christmas than they might not have otherwise had. "The kids in the tournament enjoyed it. They seemed to have a good time shopping for the gifts and were full of smiles. We enjoyed it and have more plans for partnerships with Toys for Tots in the future. We were thrilled to give back to the kids and want to do more.

It's nice to give back and with a struggling economy, any help we can give is great. It's a great feeling," Gorrow said.

This is the first year the Santa Claus Classic was held and it was a success with a good turnout. As the event continues each year, it will only get better. "This is the first year of the event and we wanted to start a little bit earlier, but it will get bigger and bigger each year. It was a new event that had a hundred kids or so, which is not too bad. With word of mouth, it will grow in the future. Hopefully it will grow a little more each year and give back more each year. It will be great," Gorrow said.

The event is sure to grow each year and more children will have the bright Christmas they deserve.

Women's Basketball drops two in Optimist Classic

By Wayne Turner
Staff Writer

The Salisbury women's basketball team (0-8, 0-1) has been working hard this season with eight players. These eight players consist of three returning players four freshmen and one sophomore.

Last Wednesday night, the women's basketball team hosted No. 17 ranked Mary Washington. UMW defeated the Gulls 80-46. This was the first Capital Athletic Conference game for both teams this season.

With five minutes left in the first half of the game, the Gulls pulled within three points, 27-24. The Eagles finished out the last couple minutes of the first half by going on a 19-2 run giving them a 20 point lead going into the half, 46-26.

UMW stayed hot in the second half by shooting 48 percent from the field. UMW also went on to out rebound the Gulls 43-31. Freshman Meghan Dunn scored a career high 12 points in the loss. Dunn also recorded five

rebounds. "We are a young team still progressing and learning how to play together as a team," sophomore guard Chante McKinney said. McKinney, a veteran and key player for the Gulls, suffered a MCL knee sprain in a training camp practice right before the season began. She sat out the first five games of the season but is now returning to the lineup, having a great impact on the team. Junior Janay Johnson seems to be very optimistic about the rest of the season despite the early losses. "I feel great. I'm very confident that we will turn this around," Johnson said. Johnson has been a clutch player for the Sea Gulls, averaging 13 points a game in the seven games played so far.

Last weekend, SU hosted the Optimist Classic. The teams participating were York College (N.Y.), Lebanon Valley and Widener.

The SU women opened up the tournament Friday playing Widener. SU dropped the game 69-47. Although the Gulls were

defeated, they played a strong defensive game until the end. Junior Kylie Hall had a strong game recording her first double-double of the season. McKinney finished in double figures again, showing improvement in just her second game back. Freshman Guard Sherita Hall came off the bench with eight points, five rebounds and an assist.

Freshmen guards Glen Charlton and Katharine Curran both scored seven points apiece.

On Saturday, the Gulls faced Lebanon Valley, who finished the tournament undefeated. The Gulls dropped the game 63-35. Charlton led the team in scoring with 10 points. SU's women out-rebounded Lebanon Valley 34-33. SU's Hall grabbed ten rebounds and scored ten points. Hall and Dunn accounted for half of the team's rebounds against the Dutchmen. Hall went on to be named to the all-tournament team.

The team is back in action on Tuesday, Dec. 9 at 6 p.m. when they host York College in a conference game.



Gulls junior center Janay Johnson goes up for the tip-off against University of Mary Washington. Gulls dropped three games last week to UMW, Widener University and Lebanon Valley College.

Men's soccer receive academic honors

By Tom Watson
Staff Writer

Though the SU men's soccer season ended in the first round of the NCAA tournament this year, the Gulls still have something to cheer about.

The National Soccer Coaches Association of America (NSCAA) awarded Salisbury with its 2007-2008 team academic award. Salisbury is one of 368 collegiate soccer teams nationwide (106 men, 262 women) to finish the season with a team GPA above 3.0.

According to the NSCAA Website, the National Soccer Coaches Association of America is the largest coaches' organization in the United States, consisting of a board of 26,000 members across the country who coach both genders at all levels of soccer across America.

With Salisbury's cumulative 3.10 GPA, they join the 106 other qualifying men's soccer teams from all divisions (I, II, and III) to receive this honor. Though the two highest overall GPAs belong to Case Western Reserve in Ohio and Amherst College in Massachusetts, at a GPA of 3.48 each, SU is only one of only three teams to represent the state of Maryland, along with Johns Hopkins

University (3.26 GPA) and Loyola College of Maryland (3.0 GPA). This also makes Salisbury the only team from the CAC conference to receive a men's team award this season.

Salisbury's reception of this honor marks the third time since the award was instituted in 1996 by the NSCAA that Salisbury has won it. The first was in the 2002 season and then the Sea Gulls brought it home again to repeat the very next year in 2003.

The plaque will go nicely on Salisbury's wall of success after winning their second consecutive CAC championship this season - their seventh CAC title overall. They also earned their eighth NCAA tournament appearance led by four All-CAC first team selections in junior midfielder Alex Hargrove, junior defenseman Justin McGrath, sophomore forward Mike Napolitano, junior forward Kyle Sterling and one All-CAC second team selection in senior defender Ryan Chacon.

Salisbury's 28-member squad in this 2008 season consisted of six freshmen, eight sophomores, 10 juniors and four seniors. If the team can keep their grades on the rise, they could have another championship on the line: their second academic honors next season.

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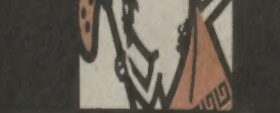
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